

In the Specification

On page 1, between the title and line 5, add the following new paragraph:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications.

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This application is a National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/GB99/01161 filed April 16, 1999 which claims priority from GB 9808202.7, filed April 17, 1998. --

In the Claims:

In claim 6, line 1, replace "5" with -- 3 --.

In Claim 7 line 1, replace "any one of the previous claims" with --claim 1, 2, or 3--.

In Claim 12, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" with --claim 1, 2, or 3--.

In Claim 13, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 11" with --claim 1, 2, or 3--.

In Claim 14, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 11" with --claim 1, 2, or 3--.

In Claim 15, line 1, replace "any of claims 12 to 14" with --claim 12--.

In Claim 16, line 1, replace "either of claims 12 or 13" with --claim 12--.

In Claim 17, line 1, replace "either of claims 12 or 13" with --claim 12--.

In Claim 19, line 1, replace "Use" with --The method--.

In Claim 20, line 1, replace "previous claims 1-15" with --claims 1, 2, or 3--.

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In Claim 21, line 1, replace "1-15" with --claims 1, 2, or 3--.

18. (Amended) [Use of polymorphism typing for inflammatory cytokines in] A method of determining susceptibility to, predicting the severity of and/or healing response of chronic ulcers in a patient comprising determining the polymorphism type in genes that encode inflammatory cytokines in the patient.

Please add new claims:

22. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the patient DNA is prepared from a blood sample.

23. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the probe is detected using chemiluminescence.

24. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the probe is detected by autoradiography.

25. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the DNA is prepared from a blood sample.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

The claims have been amended and new claims added to remove the use of multiple dependent claims. Claim 18 was rewritten as a method of treatment claim in place of the as filed "Swiss-type" claim. After entry of the amendments, Claims 1-25 will remain pending and under consideration.

Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

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